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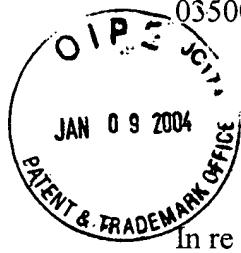
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Application No.: 09/944,071

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For: RECORDING MEDIUM, IMAGE-
FORMING METHOD USING THE
SAME AND METHOD OF
MANUFACTURING SUCH
RECORDING MEDIUM

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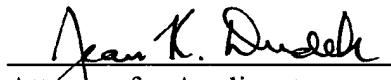
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Applicants respectfully inquire as to the status of the above-identified application. The application was filed on September 4, 2001, as evidenced by the attached copy of the PTO date-stamped postcard receipt, and Applicants have not yet received an Office Action from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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